

COMMUNITY NEWS

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search warrants were executed at two locations.

Whitworth expects at least one charge of child pornography to also be filed as an outgrowth of this case.

Hammond presented council members with a proposal for a tax abatement resolution on the Kelley Foods expansion. He recommended the council

Investigation leads to weekend drug arrests

In the early morning hours of Sunday, July 11, the Alabama Department of Public Safety's A-1 Division was conducting a Marijuana Eradication detail in Coffee County.

The investigation involved agents from the A-1 and State Trooper Tactical Team. Surveillance was being conducted in a marijuana field around AL 167 and the Pea River.

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Scott Smith is pictured with the skin of a rattlesnake he killed last year. As indicated by the picture, the snake was certainly a big one. Smith said he encourages everyone to be careful when outdoors and keep an eye open for the slithering creatures. Snakes are especially mobile during hot summer days as they are searching for cooler places.

Federal court halts Virginia firm from preparing fraudulent tax returns in Alabama and other states

Norfolk Return Preparer Ordered to Notify Customers, Produce Records

The Justice Department announced today that a federal court has ordered a Norfolk-based tax-return preparer, Ronald M. Green, to stop preparing federal tax returns for customers and to stop representing customers before the IRS. The court found that Green, who does business under the names "Peoples Rights Tax Services" and "Economic Empowerment for All People," prepares fraudulent federal tax returns for his customers.

The order - a preliminary injunction entered by Judge Henry Morgan, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern

District of Virginia - will remain in effect until the court issues a final order in the case. It requires Green to notify his customers of the injunction and to provide the Justice Department with the names, addresses, phone numbers, and tax identification numbers of all his customers. It also requires that he provide the Justice Department with copies of all federal tax returns he has prepared since January 1, 1999.

According to the order, while most of Green's customers are in the Tidewater area of Virginia, others are in Alabama, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Arizona and California.

The Justice Department is taking legal action across the country to stop unscrupulous

return preparers from cheating honest American taxpayers," said Eileen J. O'Connor, Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Tax Division. "People who prepare or file false or fraudulent federal returns are risking substantial civil penalties and possible criminal prosecution."

The court order states that Green improperly reduces or eliminates his customers' reported income tax liabilities by deducting non-deductible personal expenses, such as cable television and telephone bills. According to the order, Green claims the deductions on tax returns for trusts that either do not exist at all or are sham trusts lacking economic substance.

The court noted that the IRS has thus far identified tax losses

to the U.S. Treasury totaling \$744,679 from returns Green prepared, plus an additional \$979,135.86 in improperly claimed tax refunds. The court also found that Green has obstructed IRS audits of his customers and has, on at least one occasion, attempted to intimidate an IRS employee.

More information about this case is available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/tax/04-tax-374.htm>. Tax scams involving the misuse of trusts top the IRS's list of the "Dirty Dozen" tax frauds for 2004, which is available at <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=120803,00.html>. Information about the Tax Division is available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/tax/index.html>.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A Dr. Hawkings, one of the world's most recognized experts on things in outer space, has long been the bible on "black holes." We have always accepted his theory that those things sucked in matter, light, etc., and would not let anything out, thus the name "Black Hole." Pretty simple, no options, they are sucked in and just disappeared forever because of the extremely strong gravity. Now he has come back with a different opinion. The new theory says things can actually escape from a black hole. However, his reasoning is far over our head. We read his new ideas three times - and even a "simplified version" but are still completely lost. It was far easier to understand the original idea that gravity held it all in - forever.

Saturday afternoon the rain moved the dedication of the Victoria Baptist Church veterans' memorial inside but it was still impressive. As speakers reminded those in attendance of the sacrifices so many have made, we pondered. Why? Why is it so often the young, the ones with their whole lives ahead of them that pay the supreme price for a freedom they will never enjoy? Is it enough for them to sacrifice so their loved ones and the rest of us can enjoy the American way? Shouldn't it be those of us who have enjoyed many years of these freedoms and have most of our life already behind us who defend it the strongest? We have found no clear answer, but thinking about it increases our respect and appreciation of those who have defended and who continue to defend our great American freedoms and way of life.

Christopher Carmouche, Executive Director of Laptoplobbyst.com, a conservative activist group - is calling on Majority Leader Bill Frist to discipline the six Republicans who voted against the Federal Marriage Amendment by removing those who chair senate committees from their respective chairmanships. We disagree. Regardless of a person's personal opinion on any given issue, we need to look at the whole picture. If America is going to demand that lawmakers always toe the line exactly along party lines, then why have the lawmakers? Just elect one individual to represent the party position and cut others from the payroll. Sounds dumb, but that would get you the same results as this guy Carmouche is demanding.

Some weekend reading has shattered one of our favorite stories about America's founders. The quote of one of our forefathers, "As for me give me liberty or give me death" is apparently the work of a biographer who went overboard with romanticizing the founding of America and not a true quote. It appears there are no records of exactly what he said during those days. At least it is pretty well documented that he was strongly in favor of a free America. Therefore we can believe that he would have said that if only he had thought of it first.

Elba High School's Back-To-School Reminders.

Elba High School students can pick up class schedules, purchase parking permits and rent lockers for the coming school year Monday, Aug. 2, through Wednesday, Aug. 4. The office will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.

Monday, Aug. 2 • Seniors
Tuesday, Aug. 3 • Juniors and Sophomores
Wednesday, Aug. 4 • Freshmen and 8th Grade

7th Grade Orientation will be Thursday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish meal accounts. They will also have a brief tour of the school.

Lockers are \$5 and parking permits are \$10 for the 2004-05 school year. Paid meals for students are 50 cents for breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch w/locker or paid in the lunchroom. Reduced price meals are 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch w/locker only.

Students are reminded that all book bags should be transparent or made of mesh material that is 1/2 inch open mesh or larger. Students are also reminded of the dress code as outlined in the Student Handbook. Students who drive must register their vehicle in the school office.

The first day for students is Monday, Aug. 9 (1/2 day). They will meet in the auditorium at 7:45 a.m. for a brief assembly program. Following the assembly, the students will attend an abbreviated class schedule and school will be dismissed at 11:20 a.m.

More Reminders:

Senior portraits will be made Wednesday, July 28, and Thursday, July 29 in the auditorium. There is a \$20 sitting fee, and seniors must have their portrait made at this time in order to be in the yearbook. Portraits will not be accepted from any other photographer for the yearbook.

Band pictures will be made Saturday, Aug. 14, at 8 a.m. at Elba High School.

Football and cheerleader pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 3:15 p.m. in the stadium.

Grad ads for the yearbook are due by Monday, Sept. 20.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$19 per year
6 Months - \$10, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$21 per year - including tax
6 months - \$11
Outside Alabama - \$24 per year - 6 months - \$13

The facts about the war on terror...

Editorial by Congressman Terry Everett

America's war against terrorism continues to yield results. Despite the gains being made to root out terrorists and remove the regimes friendly to them, liberal media criticism is leveled daily over the progress in this battle and even its justification. From my view, such reporting is one-sided, lacking the full perspective of what the world was like three years ago or the positive changes we've brought about since.

For the benefit of those critics who suffer from short memories, three years ago the United

States was directly attacked by a foreign force hostile to our government and people. This hostile force murdered nearly 3,000 innocent people in New York City, Arlington, Virginia, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The United States did not provoke this attack. Indeed, it was not even the first such deadly assault on America and our interests.

The 1993 World Trade Center attack, the 1996 attack on Khobar Towers housing American military in Saudi Arabia, the 1998 attacks on the

U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, and the attack on the U.S.S. Cole in 2000 proved one another that Al Qaeda and other terrorist forces aligned against America have no reservation whatsoever about spilling the blood of innocent U.S. civilians, nor will they let up until forced to do so.

Three years ago, the Afghan Taliban government was harboring Al Qaeda leaders and allowing them to train thousands of terrorists. Al Qaeda was active and recruiting in Pakistan with serious opposition. And, three years ago, nuclear weapons technology was being sold by Pakistan's A.Q. Kahn to countries like Iran, North Korea, and Libya. Three years ago, Iraq was a sworn enemy of America with a history of starting two major wars, producing and using weapons of mass destruction, and providing safe haven and support for senior Al Qaeda.

Fast forward three years to the present and look at these same threats in light of the on-going war on terror. In Afghanistan, the terror camps are closed. Osama Bin Laden is on the run, and a democratic government is taking hold. In Pakistan, the government is now an ally in the war on terror, rounding up terrorists on their border and pro-

viding support for U.S. operations to capture Al Qaeda leaders like Khalid Sheikh Mohammad.

Furthermore, today, we have closed one of the most dangerous sources of nuclear weapons for rogue regimes and terrorists with the dismantlement of the A.Q. Kahn nuclear network based in Pakistan. Equally significant, Libyan president Ghaddafi has given up his nuclear ambitions and his weapons materials.

Lastly, in Iraq, the Coalition has removed a declared enemy of the United States and placed him in jail. Iraq is poised to become an example of democratic freedom in the Middle East, as a new government is being built and Iraq's leaders are working to rid their own country of terrorists. For sure, the road ahead for the Iraqi people will not be easy, but they finally have something they haven't had for decades, hope for the future.

The war on terror is just that, a war. It is not a public relations campaign, but a sustained global military and police effort to rid the world of terrorist evil. Some choose not to face the fact that America is at war with terrorists and their supporters. They do not accept the fact that we will only prevail if we are committed to a successful conclusion. I might remind them of the historical truth that "freedom isn't free." I am grateful that our President and our military have not forgotten this fact.



PEOPLES BANK TAKES FIRST PLACE...The Peoples Bank of Coffee County Relay for Life Team recently received the first place plaque for Most Money Raised by a Team with 30+ Members for the 2004 Coffee County Relay for Life event held May 14th. The Peoples Bank team raised \$6,188.20 to benefit the American Cancer Society's efforts in finding a cure for cancer. Shown above holding the bank's plaque are event co-chairs Renee Bradshaw (1) and Melanee Blair (2).

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 12, 2004, investigated the following incidents: four for domestic violence, one failure to pay, one harassing communications, three for theft of property, one incident, one attempted burglary, one criminal mischief, one disorderly conduct, one public intoxication and one menacing.

The following arrests were made: three for failure to pay, one for harassing communications, one for burglary, one for menacing, two for failure to appear, one for possession of marijuana, one for domestic violence, one for public intoxication and one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for speeding, one for no insurance and one for a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

BULLETIN BOARD

• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CRUISE: A.R.M.S. address recovery, 1000 S. Third St., Elba, Ala. 36323. Call 367-9970 or visit the website www.industry.com

• SOCIAL SECURITY: REP. Countryside 407-725-7215. Call FREE 1-800-772-1215

• ROTARY CLUB: Tuesday @ Noon-First, Elba Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL: 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC: Tuesday following 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.: Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GREY SUPPORT GROUP: even Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett, Coordinator

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION: 2nd & 4th Monday, Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB: 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD: 1st Thru, 5:30 p.m. Sage Office

• AMERICAN LEGION: 1st Tuesday of every month, 100 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 470: 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• BAND BOOSTERS: 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• OFFICER: Mon-Fri, 8:12 noon @ Farm Center Complex 384-5855

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.: 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House

• COFFEE WOMEN: 3rd Wed. Noon, Colony Inn, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY: 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB: 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB: Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. Elba High School

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL: 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall

Don't Miss the...
Re-Opening
of
Lower Alabama Girls

Thursday, July 22nd

at its New Location:

293 Court Ave. • Elba

(On the Square • Next to Regollections)

C.F.F.

Thursday & Friday • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(334) 897-1920

Owned & Operated by Lisa Himmelfarb

Covenant
COMMUNITY CHURCH

THURSDAY, JULY 15 - River stage - 6.99 feet (6.12 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1149 Oak Ave. (4:53 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 532 N. Claxton Ave. (4:59 p.m.); Possible tornado reported near school (6:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on the Old Samson Rd. (11:27 p.m.)

FRIDAY, JULY 16 - River stage - 7.97 feet (7:20 a.m.); Routine activity

SATURDAY, JULY 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 611 County Rd. 325 (4:26 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Claxton Ave. (10:15 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1243 Farris Ave. (11:59 p.m.)

SUNDAY, JULY 18 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1123 Deal St. (8:20 a.m.); Possible wreck reported at the 203 Bypass and Smith Ave. (10:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on the 203 Bypass between the Troy Hwy. and Smith Ave. (10:58 p.m.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

Democrats who criticize the Republican Party as the party of the rich are as usual in a state of mental denial. They need to do a little comparing of the different party candidates in their personal wealth.

John Kerry the presidential candidate is a billionaire. He married well both times. His first wife whom he divorced in 1988 was worth 300 million dollars according to reports. His present wife Teresa is worth a reported 500 or 700 million dollars depending on which report is given. So John Kerry is a wealthy democrat.

John Edwards the vice-presidential candidate is worth 70

million dollars. He sued well every time. He won lawsuits against medical doctors and amassed a fortune. In so doing he drove up the cost of medical malpractice insurance so high physicians find it difficult to afford it. John Edwards with his lawsuits against doctors has adversely affected healthcare in the United States. John Edwards, like John Kerry, is a rich democrat with Edwards' wealth coming at the expense of affordable healthcare for Americans.

On the other hand President Bush has reported net worth of 15 million dollars. He worked hard all time. He got his wealth the old fashioned way - he

earned it.

Vice-President Cheney worked hard, too. He is worth a reported 50 million dollars. Democrats try to demonize him for his association with Halliburton before becoming Vice-President. You would think Halliburton is the epitome of all evil to hear John Kerry speak. The fact is Halliburton is a legitimate business that provides an invaluable service that no other businesses can to countries all over the world.

By way of comparison John Edwards alone is richer in terms of dollars and cents than both candidates Bush and Cheney on the Republican Party ticket. So which Party is the Party of the rich? Not the Republican Party.

Then there is the billionaire several times over George Soros, or is it Soros? He is the man who broke the Bank of London they say. Some reports say his net worth is 7 billion dollars. It is clear he dislikes President Bush with a passion because of the President's religious convictions, and Soros wants him defeated in November.

Soros has reportedly contributed 100 million dollars to the Democratic Party effort to defeat President Bush. Someone who broke the Bank of London asked Soros if he would give all his money to defeat president Bush. Soros' answer was, "If you could guarantee he would be defeated."

The Democratic Party has gotten a much into the Hollywood celebrity crowd and the fatcat rich crowd, best represented by DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe who got his wealth in part from his questionable real estate dealings in Florida that it is out of touch with poor people, the middle class and mainstream America.

Mike Greer

C.C. Commission agrees to partner with conservation department for boat ramp

By Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission agreed Monday, July 12, during its regular bimonthly meeting to enter into a partnership with the Department of Conservation in assisting with the construction of a boat ramp for the Pea River near Ballant Bridge.

According to commission chairman Robert Stephens, the partnership will allow the conservation department to build the boat ramp, and the county will assist by supplying gravel for the road and keeping the grass cut.

He said a letter from the conservation department indicated hopes of constructing the boat ramp in the summer of 2005.

"I know there's been a lot of interest in this," said commissioner Tom Grimsley. "I think this is good and will provide a lot of recreation for people on that side of the county."

A motion by Stephens to enter into the partnership and assist received a second from Grimsley. It passed with all commissioners voting in favor except commissioner Jessie Lewis who abstained from the vote.

A report from maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg revealed problems at the county jail with toilets stopping up.

Rugg said the problem seems to be occurring after visitation on Saturdays and Sundays. He said the toilets are stopping up because they are being stuffed with brown paper bags, etc.

Commissioner Jim Thompson recommended asking either the sheriff or the jail administrator to be present at the next commission meeting so all parties can discuss the situation.

Stephens then offered a motion with a second from commissioner Linda Westbrook for Sheriff Ben Moates to be at the next meeting to explain this problem to commissioners. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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Obituaries

LEE DANFORD REAVES

Mrs. Lee Danford Reaves, age 73, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, July 13, 2004 at the family residence following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held July 16, 2004 from the Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home chapel with Rev. David Richburg officiating. Burial followed at Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Reaves was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Reaves, in 1999.

Survivors include two daughters: Claudette Whitmore (Chris), Galway, N.Y.; Leisa Reaves Grimsley (Barry), Phenix City, Ala.; one son: Michael B. Reaves, Mobile, Ala.; one brother: Bobby Danford, Uriah, Ala.; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

CATHERINE ARMSTRONG

Mrs. Catherine Armstrong, age 67, of Coffee County, Ala., died Saturday, July 10, 2004.

Services were held July 14, 2004 at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala. with Rev. Harvey C. Williams and Pastor Elmer Don Pearson officiating. Burial will follow at Hardshell Cemetery in New Brockton, Ala. with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one brother: Eddie B. (Gretel) Finch, Enterprise, Ala.; a host of cousins and friends and a very special cousin, Betty Sowell of New Brockton.

JOHN M. BELL

Lt. Col. John M. Bell of Jacksonville, Fla., age 64, Air Force Retired, died July 5, 2004 at his residence.

Born in Coffee County, Ala., he moved to Jacksonville 29 years ago and served his country for 29 years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Funeral services were held July 9, 2004 in the Chapel of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home with Dr. Herb Revis officiating. Burial was held July 10.

2004 at Perry Memorial Gardens, Perry, Ga.
Survivors include his wife: Barbara Aund Bell, three sons: Terry (Margaret) Vipperman; John (Kimber) Bell; Greg (Melissa) Bell; one sister: Frances Bell Kirby; one brother: Sonny Bell; and seven grandchildren.

MYRON E. THOMAS

Mr. Myron E. "Mike" Thomas, age 86, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, July 17, 2004 at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 19, 2004 at Victoria Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Marler, Rev. Ben Amlong and Rev. Mack King officiating. Burial followed in the Victoria Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba.

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by a son, Myron Lyn Thomas.

Survivors include his wife: Thelma Louise Thomas, Elba; two daughters: Myra (Ed) Cowen, Elba, and Edie (Woody) Seiders, Largo, Fla.; a daughter-in-law: Joyce Thomas, Lillington, N.C.; two sisters: Merle Bragg, Jack, Ala., and Dorothy Kendrick, Birmingham, Ala.; three brothers: Shirley Thomas, Jack, Ala., Tubal Thomas, Eufaula, Ala., and Grady Thomas, Panama City Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

DOUGLAS CLARK ELLIS

Mr. Douglas Clark Ellis, age 59, of Brantley, Ala., died Thursday, July 15, 2004 at Crenshaw Community Hospital in Luverne, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 20, 2004 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Keith Reynolds officiating.

Survivors include his wife: Doris Jean Ellis Brantley; four daughters: Shawn Lindsay, Easton, Md.; Heather Ellis, Wicksburg, Ala.; Carrie Ellis, Crisfield, Md.; Kristi Ellis, Weatherford, Texas; and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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LIFESTYLES

Mr. and Mrs. Bilal celebrate twentieth wedding anniversary recently.



"Then & Now" Mr. & Mrs. Bilal

Mr. Abdel A. Bilal on July 14, 1984 married Ms. Falisha Ann Robinson at New Zion Baptist Church in Elba, Ala. The couple will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary Thursday, July 14, 2004. Abdel is the grandson of the late Ludeasa Jones of Elba and the son of Ahmed M. Bilal of New York City. Falisha is the daughter of Tommy and Mary Helen Robinson of Elba. The couple have two children, Rashad, sixteen, and Ahmand age eleven.

"Music by Moonlight" to be presented Thursday, July 22 at Dothan Landmark Park



The Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) Community Band will be the featured performers on Thursday, July 22 at Landmark Park during the "Music by Moonlight" concert series. The concert gets underway at 7:30 p.m. and is free. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, friends, picnic supper and enjoy an evening of music under the stars.

"Music by Moonlight", the popular outdoor summer concert series, will hold its last concert of the summer on Thursday, July 22, at Dothan's Landmark Park. Hosted by MusicSouth, "Music by Moonlight" features four different concerts each summer in the park's Victorian-style gazebo. This year's concert series is sponsored by CenturyTel and Movie Gallery. Like previous years, each concert is free and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic supplies to relax and enjoy a variety of music under the stars.

The July 22 concert will feature the Troy State University Dothan Community Band. The Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) Community Band is composed of musicians from southeast Alabama and north-west Florida and has been in existence since January 1990. The band performs marches, Broadway medleys, cinema classics, novelty tunes, overtures and a variety of music written for the concert band. The membership is made up of approximately 55-60 area musicians and ranges in age from 13 to 90. The conductor is Tony Whetstone.

During the past 14 years, the band has performed numerous concerts throughout the Wiregrass region and the Florida panhandle. Annual concerts include the Heritage Week Concert at TSUD in April, Christmas Concert at TSUD, and the Christmas Concert at Wiregrass Commons Mall in Dothan, and performances in Graceville, Fla. and Seaside, Fla. have been held at various times throughout the band's existence. Just this past June, the TSUD Community Band presented a concert for the Alabama Bandmasters Association Summer Conference at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Ala.

Landmark Park serves as Alabama's Official Museum of Agriculture and is located on US HWY 431, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle for more information, please contact the park office at 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

Seven generations of Simon and Matilda Hammond's descendants to meet in Elba

Seven generations of descendants of Simon and Matilda Hammond's family will hold their family reunion beginning August 6 through 8, 2004 in Elba and Enterprise, Alabama. The reunion is headquartered at the Holiday Inn of Enterprise. Family members will come from all over the contiguous United States and Canada. Festivities will begin with a meet and greet cocktail reception in Elba followed by a fish fry. Saturday's activities will feature an early morning golf

Wiregrass Hospice GriefShare group to meet August 9

Wiregrass Hospice, Inc. invites interested persons to the monthly GriefShare group. It will be held on Monday, August 9 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of The Citizen's Bank at 301 S. Edwards St. (near the Courthouse). This group is open



TIFFANY HARRISON is the daughter of Terry and Michelle Harrison, of Elba. She had 14 1/2" of her hair cut off and donated it to the Locks of Love foundation.



From left to right: Hannah Lawrence, Dr. Walter Lawrence, Ann Miller, Melissa Jenks, Jo Ann Stewart, Amanda Lawrence

Grave marking ceremony held Sunday, July 20, at Sasser Church of Christ Cemetery

One hundred thirty-nine years after being released from a Union prison camp in Ohio, Jesse Byrd Sasser was commemorated as a Confederate War Veteran by his extended family. The ceremony was held

on Sunday, June 20, 2004 at the Sasser Church of Christ Cemetery in Brantley, Mr. Sasser donated the land for the cemetery which has five generations of relatives buried there. The service was officiated by his great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. Ronald H. (Ann) Miller and his great-great-granddaughter, "Mrs. George A. (Melissa) Jenks who are members of Atlanta Chapter No. 18, the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Members of the various related families including several children participated in the service. Special thanks are given to Dr. Walter Lawrence and to the reenactors of the Covington Rifles. Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp Number 1586, Andalusia, Ala. who gave a Military Gun Salute and had a solitary bagpiper play "Amazing Grace." Dr. Lawrence played "Taps" which ended the formalities. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Sasser Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.



Logan Trey Matthews

Children don't forget "Pets On Parade" July 29

On Thursday, July 29, 2004, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host "Pets on Parade." This event is open to children ages 12 and under who have a prized pet. Children will be able to showcase their pets as judges pick winners from each special category. Prizes will be awarded.



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Area students named on honor roll at University of Montevallo

More than 630 University of Montevallo students were named to the honor roll for the spring semester.

Dean's List honors went to 318 students. To make the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be a full-time student at the university.

The following students are from this area were listed on the Dean's List:

Katy Roberts of New Brockton and Shanna Tillis of Elba.

COMMUNITY NEWS



FOLLOWING THE STORM... Stormy weather passed through the Elba and Coffee County area last Thursday evening, July 15, leaving noticeable signs of the rough weather behind. Although the major damage was reported, the storm knocked down several trees on the grounds leading into the Elba City School complex at the Hickman Avenue entrance. Other residences in the area also found trees twisted and knocked down, as well as, limbs scattered along the roadway.

Troy University counselors give tips on adapting to college life

Many adjustments have to be made by students as well as their parents to make the transition from high school to college as stress-free as possible, according to Troy University counselors.

Balancing school and social activities, all while managing finances, are challenges that new students face each year.

"Students seem to have the most trouble dealing with time management—not necessarily because they have so little time, but because they have so much freedom to use their time however they please," Susan Pierce, Troy University Director of Student Development, said.

Pierce suggests buying a pocket calendar and carefully planning each day so that plenty of time is allotted for each task that must be completed. This way, students have a realistic view of how much time is left for social activities.

Fran Scheel, the coordinator of Troy University's SAVE Project, which provides educational presentations to campus groups and classes concerning issues such as time manage-

ment, coping with stress and sexual assault awareness, said that when planning a schedule "it is important for students to set realistic, achievable goals."

Pierce agrees "The first term is often very experimental," she said. "In most cases, I advise students to take an average load—14-16 credit hours—and see how they do at the end of the term."

Tutors are available in each department if a student is struggling with a particular class. Pierce said. The Department of Career Services is another helpful academic resource for freshman, as students can take personality tests and receive advice on selecting an academic major.

It can also be difficult for students to exchange their comfort zones for a new world of people and challenges.

"There will be difficult classes, unusual roommates, uncomfortable, social situations and days when you'll miss the comforts of family and friends and family, but that's not necessarily cause for leaving college," Pierce said.

Using the resources provided

on a college campus can help make the adjustment to college easier. For example, student organizations often arrange events such as movie nights so that students have a way to meet each other.

The handling of finances is another major issue that incoming students face, Pierce said. Counselors suggest that the best way to get students accustomed to their financial responsibility is for parents and students to work together to design a weekly or monthly budget. This gives students a structure to follow in order to minimize careless spending.

But transition problems are not confined to students, Scheel said. She cautions parents to realize that it is normal to experience empty-nest syndrome and to take time to adjust to children being away from home. However, she said, it is extremely important for parents to focus on the positive aspects of their children attending college and be supportive of their children through this transition period.

Elba Chamber of Commerce to present Pets on Parade

Pets on Parade Entry Form

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On Thursday, July 29, 2004, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host "Pets on Parade." This event is open to children ages 12 and under who have a prized pet. Children will be able to showcase their pets as judges pick winners from each special category. Prizes will be awarded. The categories include: Small dogs, Large dogs, cats, fish, birds, and other furry friends.

The entry fee is \$5.00 per animal. The event begins at 5 p.m. and judging will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Elba Chamber of Commerce plans fund raising event

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a fund raiser to purchase lighted and landscaped brick entrance signs for the city.

The event will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Chamber board members, economic development board members, the city council, Elba queens and political candidates for upcoming elections are being asked to sponsor a table.

Approximately 300 people are expected to attend.

Tables will be provided, but each person who sponsors a table will be responsible for table decorations along with tableware.

The menu will include: pork chops, baked potato, salad, dessert, bread and tea.

Entertainment will be provided, and political candidates will be recognized, given an opportunity to introduce themselves and announce what office he/she is seeking.

Please call the Elba Chamber of Commerce office (897-3125) by Monday, Aug. 2, to sponsor a table.



During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting Monday, July 19, Kinston principal Mark Coale demonstrated operation of a new "toy" for board members. Actually, Coale demonstrated the capabilities of the new Tablet PC Concept instrument recently purchased by the school system. The piece of equipment looks like a laptop computer, but it has many more functions. It can be used like an ordinary computer; however, it also can be used as a writing tablet. Coale was chosen to test the new piece of equipment to determine if it will expedite the many tasks principals have each and every day.

Kelley Foods expansion catches attention of community



Above: Many local residents and community leaders attended the groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday morning for Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc. The company announced an expansion to its distribution division that will create additional jobs within the community. Through the years, Kelley Foods has proven to be a vital part of the Elba and Coffee County community.

Left: Linda Swann, assistant director of the Alabama Development office, made a special presentation to Eddie Kelley, president of Kelley Foods of Alabama. Swann attended the ceremony to insure the company leaders and community that the State of Alabama is proud of its industries and their continued growth.

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz family took a vacation last week and it still amazes me how my girls can ride any ride at a park, spin around through corners and spend time upside down while their dear 'ole Dad can't even ride the merry-go-round without getting dizzy. The girls rode everything they could find that went fast and jerked their bodies, while Mom and I waited and joined them on rides that didn't leave the ground. We old timers did keep up with the kids when they were on the ground; however, because we all walked at least twenty miles during the three-day visit to the parks.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Junior Dixie Boys State Baseball Tournament was held last week in Troy, and while most area fans went to watch the teams from the South play, Elba dentist Billy Farris made the daily trip to the park to see action from the teams in the North division. Dr. Farris had a grandson that played on an All-Star team from Decatur, and he took advantage of the state tournament being so close to home to give the youngster his vocal support. Doc is a huge baseball fan and last week was like Christmas coming early.

*** The Elba Tigers are still working hard getting ready for the upcoming high school football season and it will be a fun season to watch as the Tigers have a new coach and a schedule dotted with many new opponents. New teams on the schedule will include Cottonwood, Houston Academy, Houston County, Wicksburg, Samson and cross-county rival New Brockton, while old rivals Brantley and Laverne will remain on the slate, as will Pike County and Geneva County. This season when the Tigers kick off their new season it will really be new!

*** It became official last week when former Kinston Bulldog football and basketball coach Gary Glass was named the assistant principal at New Brockton High School. Coach Glass had worked hard for many years to help put the Kinston athletic program on firm footing, and did just that as the Bulldogs became a solid team in every sport. It seems a little funny that someone that was born and raised in Kinston and coached in Kinston would head over to cross-county rival New Brockton, but Coach Glass is looking past his days on the court and football field and getting ready to move into the main office. Good luck, Coach!

*** I bought a copy of the Miami newspaper one morning last week and the entire front page was covered by a huge photo of Shaquille O'Neal and a headline that the Heat had landed the "big one." The trade between the Lakers and Heat was indeed the big news of the week for NBA fans, and there can be no doubt that the arrival of Shaq will result in an instant sell-out of season tickets for all Heat home games. I agree with some of the sportswriters that have their doubts about just how much of a force the 300-pound big man can be, but he has already been a success as far as the Heat franchise is concerned and will make the Heat lots of money, which they will need to pay his salary.

*** In closing, the Atlanta Braves are making their move toward the top of the NL East standings and it looks like the Braves could very well add another division title to their already rich history. A trade or two would make the Braves favorites to win it all, but that probably won't happen and before the season ends Atlanta will once again fall short.

Youth cheerleader registration underway for girls ages 6-12

Any girls ages 6-12 that are interested in cheering for the midget, termite or pee wee football teams this fall in Elba should call Christie Williams at 897-4022, after 4:00 PM. Registration is now underway in all age divisions and will end on August 6, with no exceptions. A free cheerleader camp will be held on July 26-27-29 from 6:00 until 8:30 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center. Registration forms are available at the Elba Recreation Center, at the Elba City Pool and from Coach Williams.

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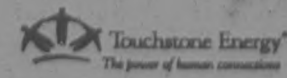
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Eliminated at district tourney

Dixie Angels All-Stars see season come to end

The Elba Dixie Angels All-Stars competed in the District 6 Dixie Angels Softball Tournament recently in Dothan and saw their long tournament run come to an end after suffering two straight losses in the double-elimination event.

These girls played hard during the regular season on different teams in our league and then really came together as All-Stars to win the sub-district tournament and move on to district," said Coach Kim Bane. "We could have won both games we lost at district, but didn't seem to get a break in either game and came out on the short end of the score in both games. The girls played hard in every inning at district and never gave up, it just wasn't to be. These girls proved that they could win and that girls softball is alive and well in Elba and the surrounding area. I am proud of all the hours they put in at practice and at the games, and they are really a very special group."

Following are highlights from the district tournament:

GENEVA 8 ELBA 7

The Elba All-Stars opened tournament action against Geneva and saw a late lead vanishing under a sea of free passes as they fell 8-7.

Geneva banged out three hits in the opening inning to take an early 2-0 lead and held the lead through two innings as Elba stranded two runners on base in both games. Elba continued to put runners on base in its half of the third inning and this time the All-Stars found their way to home plate as Elba scored three runs to grab a 3-2 lead.

Lead off walks to Aaliyah Horneat and Molly McGuire ignited the Elba rally, while Mandi Mallory and Sarah Bane

followed with base hits to put the All-Stars on the scoreboard. Consecutive walks to Jacquetta Daniels, Brianna Jackson and Paige Gibson forced in two more runs, and even though the All-Stars left the bases loaded, Elba was now on top 3-2.

Geneva used three hits to pull even at 3-3 in the bottom of the third, and that was how the score remained until the top of the fifth, when Elba staged another rally and pushed across three runs to take a 6-3 advantage.

The rally came with two outs and without the need of a base hit, as consecutive walks to Jacquetta Daniels, Shelby Vinson, Paige Gibson, Shabria Thomas, Kayla Bagwell and Kelsey Sanders forced in three runs to give Elba the 6-3 lead.

Geneva managed only one hit in its half of the fifth, but combined the one hit with three walks and four hit batters to plate five runs as Geneva regained the lead at 8-6 heading into the final inning.

WALKS TO MANDI MALLORY, SARAH BANE, JACQUETTA DANIELS and Paige Gibson resulted in one run as Elba pulled within 8-7. However, the All-Stars again left the bases loaded and Geneva escaped with the exciting 8-7 win.

Mandi Mallory had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Sarah Bane added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Molly McGuire, Jacquetta Daniels, Shelby Vinson and Paige Gibson all scored 1 run. The All-Stars drew a total of 18 walks in the game, but left 14 runners on base.

DOTHAN 22 ELBA 6

The Elba All-Stars fell behind early and never caught up as they lost to eventual tournament champion Dothan 22-6, in losers bracket play.

Dothan combined two hits with two walks, one hit batter, and one Elba error to grab an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first, then combined two hits with one walk and one error in the top of the second to pull out to a 6-0 advantage.

Jacquetta Daniels and Brianna Jackson both drew two out walks in the bottom of the second to give the All-Stars hopes of a rally, but both were left on base as the All-Stars found themselves trailing 6-0 after two innings of play.

Dothan upped its lead to 7-0 in the top of the third and appeared to be headed for an easy win. However, the Elba All-Stars came to life in the bottom of the third and combined four hits with three walks to cut the lead to 7-6.

A lead-off single by Shabria Thomas ignited the Elba rally, while a walk to Kayla Bagwell put runners on first and second with no outs. The next two Elba batters struck out, but Molly McGuire and Mandi Mallory both drew walks as Elba got on

win. Jeff Smith took the early lead in the caution filled race. Scott Morse and Deese used the restarts to gain positions and make their way to the front. The race went green the remaining 14 laps and Davis was able to hold Henderson off to take the win. Andy Pugh finished third in his first Super Stock start at South Alabama. David Ashley was fourth and Mike Hussey fifth.

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ELBA DIXIE ANGELS ALL-STARS

lost to eventual tournament champion Dothan 22-6, in losers bracket play.

Dothan combined two hits with two walks, one hit batter, and one Elba error to grab an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first, then combined two hits with one walk and one error in the top of the second to pull out to a 6-0 advantage.

Jacquetta Daniels and Brianna Jackson both drew two out walks in the bottom of the second to give the All-Stars hopes of a rally, but both were left on base as the All-Stars found themselves trailing 6-0 after two innings of play.

Dothan upped its lead to 7-0 in the top of the third and appeared to be headed for an easy win. However, the Elba All-Stars came to life in the bottom of the third and combined four hits with three walks to cut the lead to 7-6.

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Vintage

1. Duane Bates
2. Phillip Anderson
3. Chris Baylin
4. Teddy Sasser
5. Ted Shores
6. Steve Stewart
7. Clint Boggs
8. Jason Windham
9. Travis Watson
10. O.E. Moon

Street Stock

1. Derek Deese
2. Scott Morse
3. Jeff Smith
4. Ray Hudson
5. Charles Cotton
6. Jason Fowler
7. Harold Hunt
8. Gary Morse
9. Sam Smith
10. Kyle Sims

Roadrunner

1. Jason Singletary
2. Jerry Hudson
3. Danny Monaghan
4. Tim Peters
5. Jimmie Hager
6. Robert Colvin
7. Bobby Monaghan
8. Donald Drake
9. LaDann Stokes
10. Bill Walden

CupLites

1. Andy Pugh
2. Josh Cherry
3. Zach Hammett
4. Greg Adams
5. Ken Younce Sr.
6. Heath Mills
7. Bubba Nesbitt
8. DNS Kelly Spivey

For more information, contact the track at (334)565-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamaspw.com.

Results

Super Stock

1. Gary Davis
2. Jody Henderson
3. Andy Pugh
4. David Ashley
5. Mike Hussey
6. Rick Northey
7. Ken Pettis
8. Jamie Ater
9. Ryan Redmon
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SPORTS

Members of Legends Academy

Local gymnasts bring home national championship

Gymnasts from all across the United States traveled to Orlando, Florida for the 2004 USAIGCC National Championships. Nine of those representing Enterprise, Alabama were from Legends Gymnastics Academy. The championships were held in Disney World at the Wyndham Palace Resort earlier this month.

After a surprising second place finish at last year's championships, the Legends competitive team eagerly began preparing for this year's competition. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they were crowned the 2004 USAIGCC National Champions in the Bronze Division. It was a very emotional and moving experience that we will cherish for a lifetime," said owner Ian Robbins. "I am

so proud my wife and our gymnasts for making this dream a reality."

The Legends gymnasts turned in outstanding performances on all events, but they dominated on the floor exercise sweeping all age divisions earning a team event score of 29.025 out of a possible 30. Legends Gymnastics choreographs its routines to showcase each gymnast's unique talents and characteristics. "I love to watch the girls' personality shine through on floor. It's a chance for them to show the judges who they are," said coach TJ Robbins.

Congratulations to all of the Legends gymnasts for an outstanding job. In the 13 and up age division, Leanne Rainer placed first on beam, floor, and the all-around. Rainer is a two-

time All-Around National Champion. Brittany Whited placed second on floor and bars, fourth on vault, and second in the all-around. Barbra Terry placed third on floor, fifth on vault, and third in the all-around. In the 11-12 year old age division, Jacey Corley finished in second place on vault and beam, third on floor, and second in the all-around. Sarah Sims placed third on beam and first on floor earning the highest score of the individual event competition with a 9.750. Sims also placed third in the all-around. Brandi Hendrix finished in second place on floor and fifth on beam. In the 9-10 year old age division, BreAnn Austin placed first on floor, fifth on vault, and second in the all-around. Natasha Mack placed

second on floor and Samantha Drummond, the youngest member of the Legends Team, placed fifth on floor.

The competition was tough, but each one of our girls dug deep within themselves and gave all they had. When the moment came, we were overwhelmed," said Coach Robbins. This year's success has been bitersweet for the Legends team as several of its members are moving out of the Enterprise area, but the Robbins said they were so fortunate to have shared in these children's lives and win this victory as a family.

For additional information and pictures on the Legends National Championship victory, logon to their website at www.legendsgymnastics.com.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS... Legends gymnasts pictured from left to right. Front Row: Samantha Drummond, Brandi Hendrix. Middle Row: Jacey Corley, Natasha Mack, Sarah Sims, BreAnn Austin. Back Row: Leanne Rainer, Brittany Whited, Barbra Terry.

AWF state wild game cookoff set for Saturday, July 31

Come sample some of the State's best wild game dishes at the Alabama Wildlife Federation's (AWF) State Wild Game Cook-Off Competition on Saturday, July 31st. Ample servings of superb game dishes will be on hand such as venison, duck, dove, pheasant and much, much more! Some of last year's winning dishes included Grilled Yellow Fin Tuna and Deer Tenderloin Stuffed with Crab Meat. Come join the fun as Alabama's top wild game chefs travel to Millbrook for a chance to be named the 2004 Wild Game Cook-Off Champion. Each chef will be preparing

their mouthwatering specialty of wild game, fish or fowl for the judges and those lucky individuals in attendance. Competition will be steep as each of the participants won their regional Wild Game Cook-Off in order to secure a spot in this event. The festivities kick off at 6:00 p.m. at AWF's headquarters at Lanark in Millbrook. In addition to the outstanding cuisine there will be musical entertainment and a silent auction. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams as well as to the team with the best looking display. A limited number of tickets

are available for \$25 per person and proceeds will benefit AWF's programs and projects. For ticket information call the AWF headquarters at 334/285-4550.

The Alabama Wildlife Federation, established by sportsmen in 1935, is the state's oldest and largest citizens' conservation organization. The mission of the AWF is to promote a non-profit group supported by membership dues and donations, is to promote conservation and wise use of Alabama's wildlife and related natural resources as a basis for economic and social prosperity. To

learn more about the AWF, including membership details, programs and projects, contact the AWF at 1-800-822-WILD or stop by online at www.alawildlife.org.

Not forgetting to buckle up could save lives while on vacation

Buckle up! Taking this simple step can put people into the driver's seat when it comes to improving on-the-road safety. Air bags save lives, but they need to be used in conjunction with seat belts. Safety experts say there are some more safety tips to consider from the American Coalition for Traffic Safety. Never put a rear-facing infant restraint in the front seat of a vehicle with a front passenger air bag. The child could get hurt when the air bag deploys. Restrain children 12 and under in the back seat of the car. All young children should be in child safety seats or booster seats. There should be at least ten inches between the center of a driver's breastbone and the steering wheel. While airbags can be used just once, safety belts can protect occupants during subsequent collisions. In an accident, you may hit more than one object. For a free brochure about airbag safety from Autoliv Inc., which develops and manufactures airbags, seat belts, safety electronics and other safety devices, write to Autoliv, c/o Investor Relations, 1320 Pacific Dr., Auburn Hills, MI 48326. Or visit www.autoliv.com.

Now I don't mean to try and complicate the relatively simple act of setting a hook, but they are a few things we can do to tilt the odds in our favor when "Ole Bucket Mouth" slurps our bait.

We have all heard someone say "I set the hook so hard I crossed that fish's eyes." Comments like that make for good conversation but the truth is brute strength does not have near as much to do with getting a good hook set as does proper timing. The other extreme is pulling back slowly on the rod applying little pressure when a fish is on. The fish will usually expel the bait.

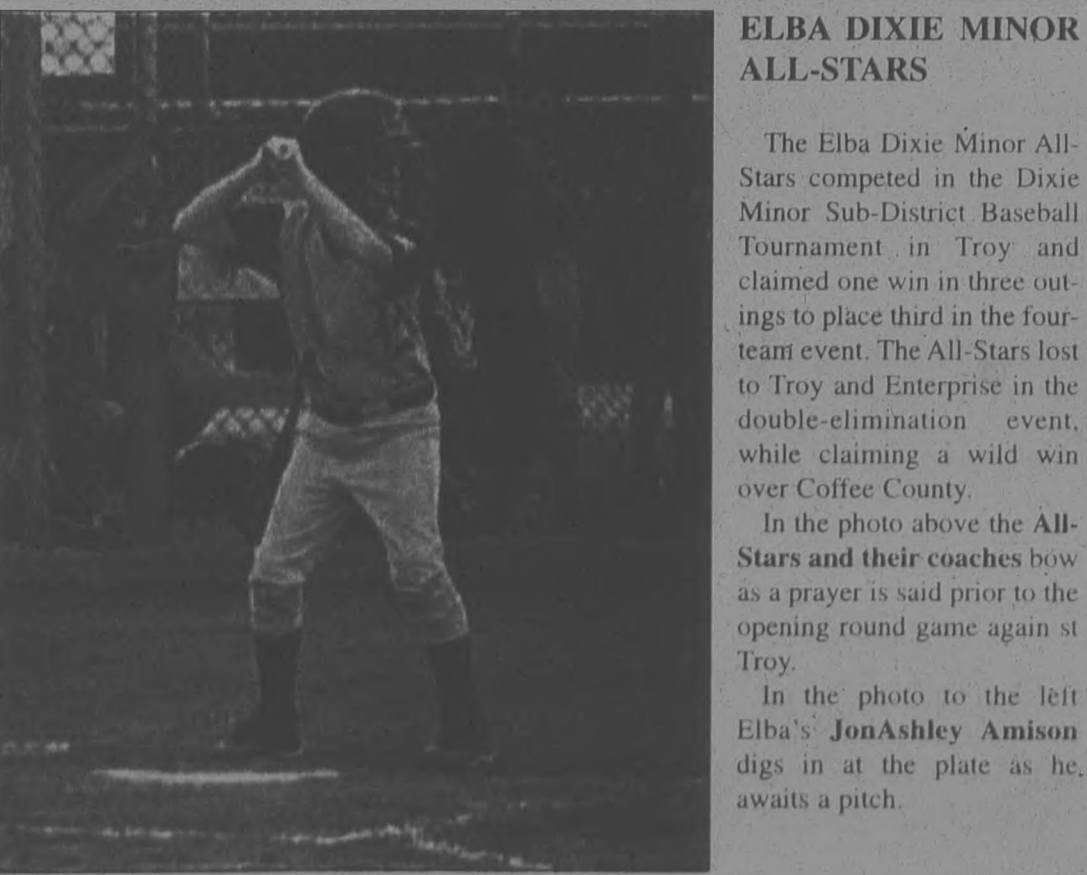
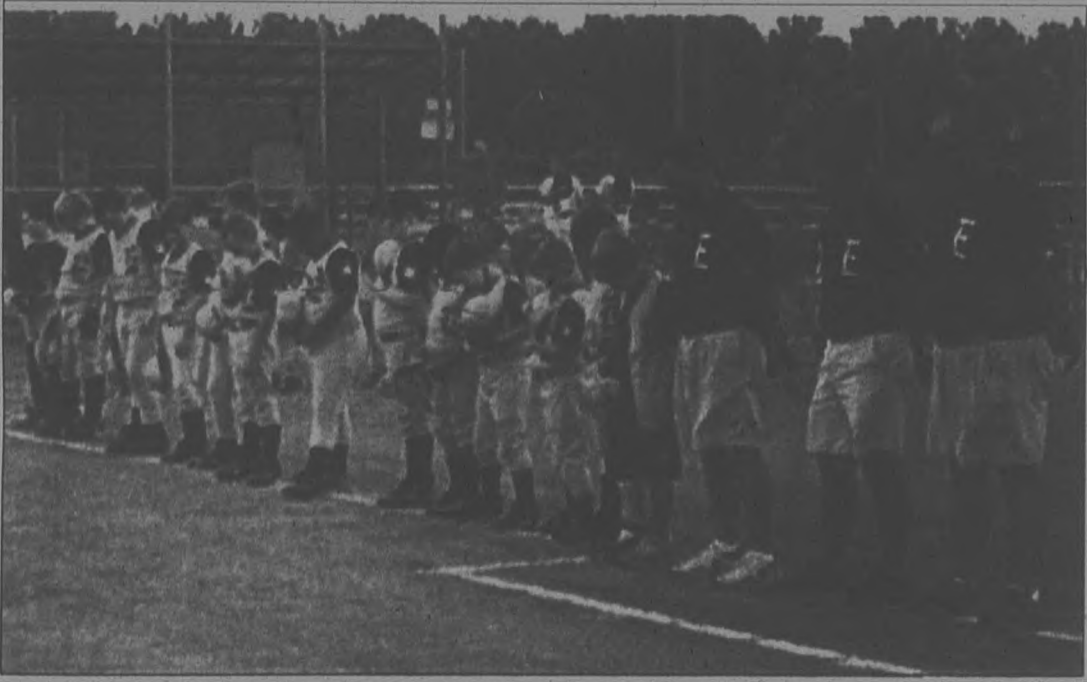
There are basically two types of hook sets, the controlled-slack hook set and the no-slack hook set. The controlled-slack hook set is when the line is not tensioned up to the point you feel the fish, but almost to this point, and then the hook driven home sharply to insure penetration. The controlled-slack hook set is usually used when fishing plastic worms, lizards and other soft baits. The rod is usually held high in this situation and enough force is exerted to drive the hook through the soft bait it is imbedded in into the mouth of the fish.

The no slack hook set method involves leaning toward the fish, reeling up any slack until the line is taut and then set the hook. It is important to reel all the slack in, but to not apply pressure on the fish. It takes a little practice to get the timing down right.

When a fish strikes the angler should bring the rod back and up fast while holding the reel handle and reeling as soon as the resistance of the fish is felt. Remember sharp shock force sets hooks, slow steady pressure usually dislodges the hook from the fish's mouth.

After setting a hook it is important to "follow through" just like when you are shooting darts. The proper follow through insures the line remains tight after the hook is set. An improper follow through is when one brings the rod back of the head and too high. They often then bring the rod back to the stomach area too fast, creating enough slack the fish can through the lure.

The one way to become proficient at hook setting is by doing a lot of it. So next time your sweetie starts complaining about how often you go fishing, just tell her you are not fishing, just practicing your hook setting skills.



ELBA DIXIE MINOR ALL-STARS

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars competed in the Dixie Minor Sub-District Baseball Tournament in Troy and claimed one win in three outings to place third in the four-team event. The All-Stars lost to Troy and Enterprise in the double-elimination event, while claiming a wild win over Coffee County.

In the photo above the All-Stars and their coaches bow as a prayer is said prior to the opening round game against Troy.

In the photo to the left Elba's JonAshley Amison digs in at the plate as he awaits a pitch.

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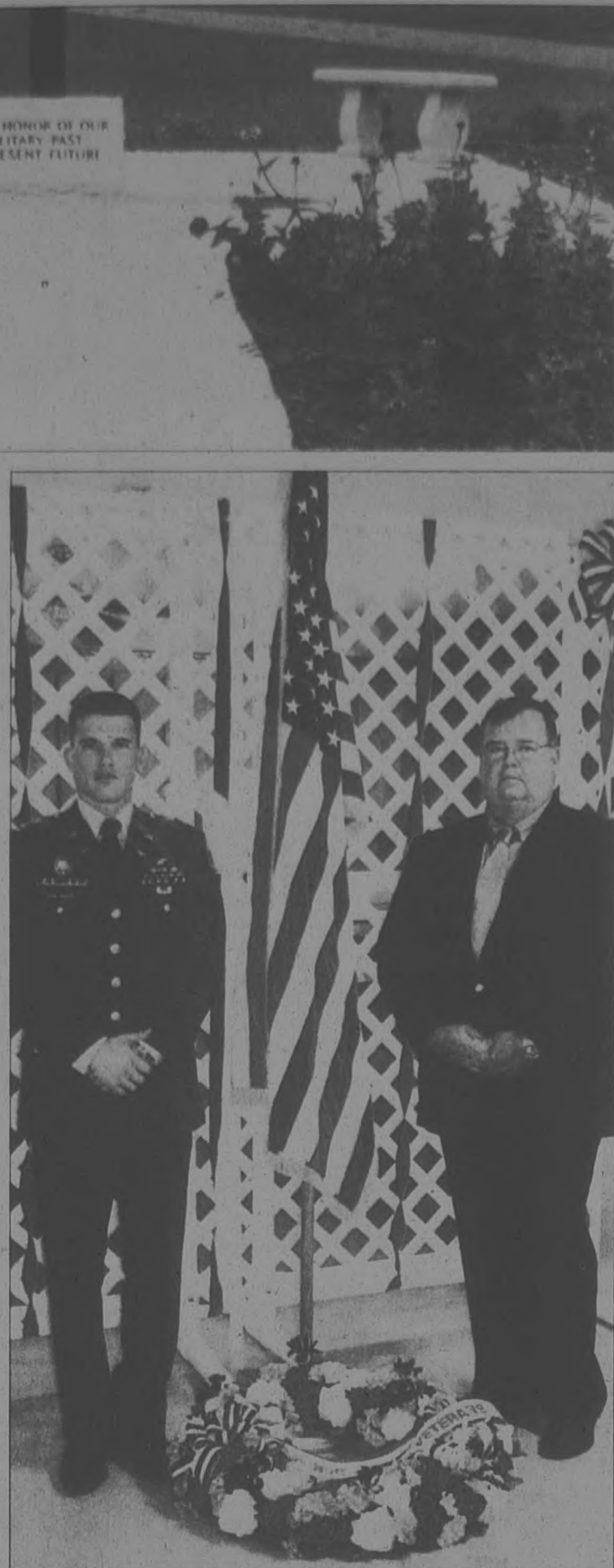
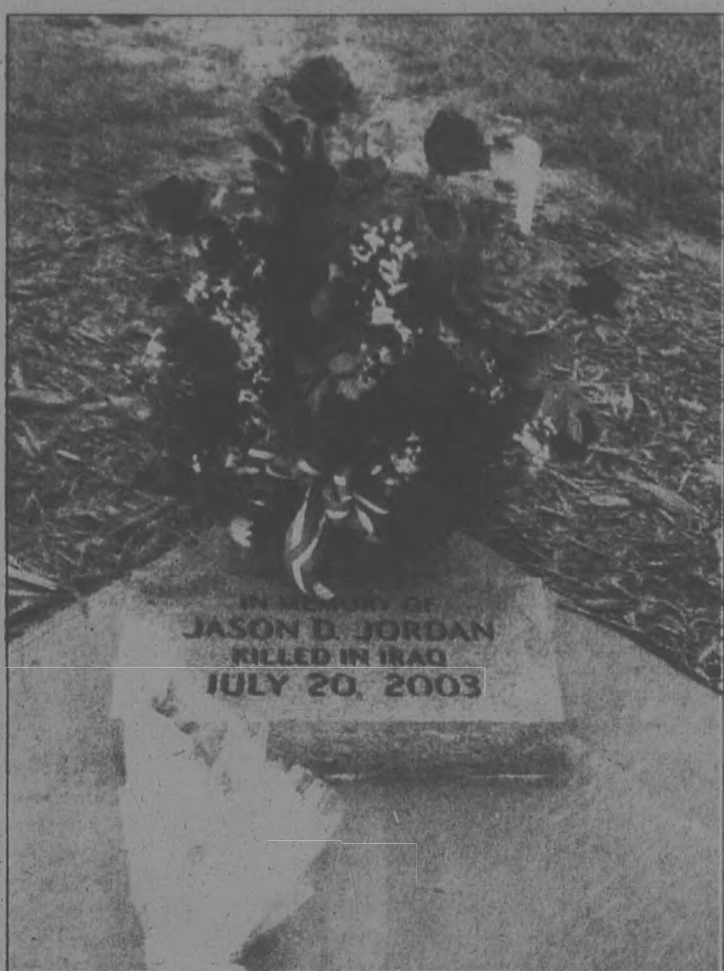
Scenes from the Dedication Ceremony of the Veterans Memorial at Victoria Baptist Church



Left: Sammy Lowrey presents the American flag to begin the service.
Below: Hattie White sings "The Star Spangled Banner."
Right: The Veterans Memorial at the flag pole near Victoria Baptist Church was dedicated in honor of all military members: past, present and future.



Below: A separate monument at the Veterans Memorial recognizes Sgt. Jason D. Jordan, who was killed in Iraq July 20, 2003. The monument for Jordan was donated by Danny Jernigan and Ingram Memorial.



Right: Cpt. Daryl Vonhagel (left) and Danny Jordan (right), father of Sgt. Jason Jordan, participated in the laying of the wreath as part of the ceremony.

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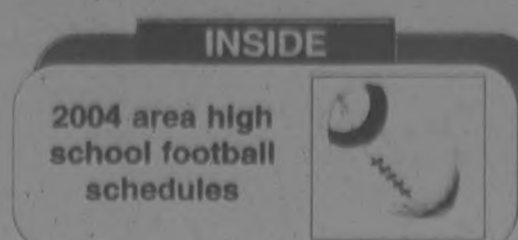


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C.C. Commission deals with another barrier regarding County Road 517 paving project.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, July 26, the Coffee County Commission continued to struggle with barriers keeping County Road 517 from being paved.

County engineer Randy Tindell reported that paving is being held up by a need to have a water line moved.

Tindell said the New Brockton Water Authority has a two-inch water line underneath the dirt road, and it is going to have to be moved before the county can pave the road.

"I met with water authority officials for the Town of New Brockton," the county engineer said. "They were concerned because they don't have the money to pay to move the water lines."

Tindell said the approximate cost to move the water line will be \$5-6,000; however, he said the New Brockton officials

showed an interest in replacing that line with a bigger one so fire protection service can be offered to the citizens on County Road 517.

Commissioner Jim Thompson asked if there is something the county can do through its attorney to force New Brockton to move the water line.

County attorney Joe Cassidy said any kind of legal action would take months upon months.

Commissioner Robert Stephens suggested the county find out the exact cost of moving the line and let the county highway department do it; however, Tindell highly suggested the county not take this course of action.

"We need some action some way," Stephens said.

He then made a motion with a second from commissioner

Linda Westbrook that Cassidy write a letter to the New Brockton Water Authority informing them that the water line must be moved by a designated time.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote (commissioners Bernest Brooks and Doug Dalrymple were not present).

Before moving on, Tindell said he felt it important to stress that this has not been an uncordial situation.

"They (New Brockton water officials) have not said they are not going to move this water line," he said. "They're just trying to figure out where they're going to get the money to do it."

Mary Redmon addressed commissioners to discuss the possibility of her getting an application for a transportation grant.

Redmon said she has served as a driver for several different organizations throughout the county, and she was told the commission might be able to assist her in getting an application for a transportation grant.

Stephens said the commission

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Chamber members treated to "Sunny Side Up"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce treated its members to a new event Thursday morning, July 22.

The chamber hosted "The Sunny Side Up," an informal business-before-hours meeting which allowed members to meet and get to know two new essential citizens of the community while enjoying breakfast together.

A large number of chamber members gathered at the chamber office to meet Elba's new head football coach Scott Rials and Elba United Methodist Church minister Stanley Carter.

Chamber of Commerce director Kaye Whitworth said the event seemed to be a success, and she said she was happy to see so many local citizens come out to welcome Rials and Carter to the community.

The next chamber sponsored event will be Pets on Parade today (July 29) at the rec center.



Elba Mayor James Grimes (center) formally introduced Elba High School's new head football coach Scott Rials (left) and Elba United Methodist Church minister Stanley Carter (right) during "The Sunny Side Up" event held last Thursday morning at the chamber office. Although the two men enjoy very different careers, each said Elba is a place one hopes to be able to come to in his respective field. Both Rials and Carter said it is an honor to be in Elba, and they look forward to much success.

NOTICE

In a letter dated Thursday, July 22, Elba's municipal election manager Herby McCall asked Election Systems & Software Inc. of Birmingham, Ala. to remove Bufus Tillis Jr. from the candidate list for the upcoming municipal election. This qualified to seek the District 5 city council seat; however, the letter indicated he had decided not to run for election. This seat is currently held by Ronnie Hammond.



LEADING THE WAY...The 2004-05 officers for the Elba Lions Club took office during the Tuesday, July 13, meeting of the club. The officers for the year will be: Brian McLeod, president; Lavon Ham, immediate past president; Phillip Curtis, first vice president; Steve Williams, second vice president; Bob Glover, secretary; James Kelley, treasurer; Harold Johnson, tail twister; Terry Calhoun, lion tamer; Galen McWaters, one year director; and Doc Miles, two year director. Also present for the meeting was Benjamin Meredith, district governor. He is shown above with McLeod (center) and Ham (right).

Area Happenings

PETS ON PARADE will be held at the Elba Recreation Center Thursday, July 29 (TODAY). The event is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce and is open to children ages 12 and under who have a prized pet. Children will be able to showcase their pets as judges pick winners from each special category. Prizes will be awarded. The categories include: Small dogs, Large dogs, cats, fish, birds, and other furry friends. The entry fee is \$5 per animal. The event begins at 5 p.m. and judging will begin at 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, July 29, 2004, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host "Pets on Parade." This event is open **ELBA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** can pick up class schedules, purchase parking permits and rent lockers for the coming school year Monday, Aug. 2, through Wednesday, Aug. 4. The office will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Please see Page 2 for the pick-up schedule and additional information. **SEVENTH GRADE ORIENTATION** will be Thursday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish meal accounts. They will also have a brief tour of the school.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will sponsor a fund raiser to purchase lighted and landscaped brick entrance signs for the city. The event will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Ave. beginning at 6:30 p.m. The menu will include: pork chops, baked potato, salad, dessert, bread and tea. Entertainment will be provided, and political candidates will be recognized, given an opportunity to introduce themselves and announce what office he/she is seeking. Please call the chamber office (897-3125) by Monday, Aug. 2, to sponsor a table.

Elba council votes to seek bids on street resurfacing

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday night to advertise for paving bids to resurface several Elba streets. The long promised project "when the levee work is over" is apparently coming to pass.

Bids will be sought on resurfacing Highland Drive, Adkinson Street, part of Newton Street and as an alternate, the portion of the Old Samson Road not resurfaced by the levee contractor.

In other business Mayor James Grimes announced that council members Harold Spicer and Ronnie Hammond (Districts Four and Five) will be certified as the winners for another four year term as they drew no opposition for the upcoming election. Hammond had opposition for

a short time, but Bufus Tillis withdrew, leaving Hammond unopposed.

Grimes reported the paving project in which the city and county received a joint grant to complete will be done by the State of Alabama. Council members gave Grimes and City Clerk Wayne Grantham authority to sign the necessary papers for this contract to be let in Montgomery on Friday.

Councilman Hammond requested city crews check out drainage ditch problems on Lindsey Street. He explained that obstructions are preventing the proper drainage of storm waters in that area.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth assured council members that the local DARE program would continue and has strong support from both the city and the local school administration.

Elba town hall meeting planned to discuss community revitalization

On Thursday, July 29 (TONIGHT), at 7 p.m., a town hall meeting will be held concerning community revitalization for the City of Elba.

Cheryl Morgan, an architect representing Auburn University, will host the meeting which will be held at the First Baptist Church social hall.

In two previous meetings, Morgan discussed the changes

and additions that she believes will benefit Elba over the next 10 years. Many changes were simple; however, some renovations will take support and dedication from members of the community.

All merchants and members of the community are asked to attend this meeting to ensure the best ideas are evaluated for the entire city.

Randy Bedsole announces intent to become mayor for City of Elba

Randy Bedsole this week announced his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Elba.

Bedsole is the son of Doris and James Bedsole of Route 3, Elba. He graduated from Elba High School in 1966. He then attended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and graduated with a

Bachelor's degree in accounting. He later went back to the University and received a Master's degree in educational psychology.

Randy is married to the for-

mer Pamela Davis, daughter of Margaret and Malcolm Davis. They have two children, Dr.

Russell Bedsole of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Ms. Gina Bedsole of Atlanta, Ga.

Bedsole presently works in sales at Enterprise Office Supply. He served on the Elba City Council during the 1990 flood and is familiar with the day to day operations of city government.

"I would like an opportunity to serve the citizens of Elba one again," said Bedsole. "If elected mayor, I will consider it an honor and a privilege to represent the city in this capacity."

